Weaknesses of Programmes for Tribal Development

105. DR. MANMOHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he is aware of the weaknesses of programmes for tribal development as pointed out in Approach Paper to the Tenth Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to streamline these programmes?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The suggestions contained in the Approach Paper to the Tenth Five Year Plan in respect of tribal development will be considered by both Centre and the State Governments to streamline the programmes during Tenth Five Year Plan.

Schemes for Preservation of Tribal Culture

106. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have taken up certain cultural schemes for preservation of the tribal culture in the States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the schemes are likely to cover the North-Eastern Region;

(d) whether there is abounding in the tribal culture, and if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether Government have any plan to establish an institute for the said purpose; and

(f) if so, the number of the institutes proposed to be established in the North-Eastern Region and the programmes to be conducted by them for the tribal people?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) and (b) Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Research & Training, grant is provided to 14 Tribal Research Institutes in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Gujarat, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur, Orissa, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal on 50:50 basis between Centre and State Governments. One of the functions of these Tribal Research Institutes is to preserve the tribal culture. Each Institute has a Tribal

Museum as one of its wings. Ministry of Culture also plays a vital role in the preservation of tribal culture. Ministry of Culture administers a scheme where under financial assistance is provided to Voluntary Organisations and individuals engaged in the preservation and promotion of tribal culture.

(c) In North Eastern Region, Tribal Research Institutes have been set up in the States of Assam, Manipur and Tripura.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

Tribal population in Maharashtra

107. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total population of tribals / adivasis in Maharashtra as per Census conducted each time from 1981 to date;

(b) how many scheduled tribe / adivasi families in Maharashtra have been assisted upto March-2001 and brought above the poverty line under the poverty alleviation scheme; and

(c) the number of such families in Maharashtra that live below the line of poverty, till March, 2001?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) The population of tribals/adivasis in Maharashtra as per Census conducted each time in 1981 and 1991 is as under:

Year	Population
1981	57,72,038
1991	73,18,281

(b) The number of families assisted during 1988-89, 1999-2000, 2000-2001 under point 11(b) of the 20 Point Programme in Maharashtra are as under:

Year	No. of Families
1998-1999	162395
1999-2000	148326
2000-2001	84755